

Business Notices.

IMPORTANT
CLEARANCE
SALE

Annual
Stocktaking

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.
NOW PROCEEDING.
SPECIAL BARGAINS.
Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd.

To-day's Advertisements.

NIPPON-YUSEN KAISHA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Mikie Maey*, from PORT ADELAIDE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE are hereby notified that the same was transhipped at SINGAPORE into the S. S. *Harima*.

This Vessel having arrived, Consignees are requested to send in their Bill of Lading to the underwriter for Counter-signature; and to take immediate delivery from the Godowns of the HONOURABLE & RESPECTABLE JAMES & COMPANY, LTD., into which the Cargo is being landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Left Manila 23rd February, had fine clear all the way, until approaching Cochin, when it set in thick fog; was up to arrival, moderate breeze smooth sea & W.

The British steamer *Haijpong* port Left Pootooch on the 23rd February, S. N. E. breeze and high sea, with dense fog till 11 AM. Anchor on day, rain till 5 PM. High sea, and drizzling till 10 PM. Left Swatow on the 26th, variable airs and dull overcast to port Pootooch, steamers *Pechi-ko* and *Shan* Steamer in Amoy, *Yan* Steamer in Swatow, *Formosa*, *Haitien* and *Sihan*.

The Dutch steamer *Bantam* report Nasty weather; cloudy, strong moon and rainy.

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining unsoldiered after the 31st of March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st March, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
LIST OF VISITORS.

Mr. B. Byrne Mr. Herbert Og
Mr. J. B. Congratie Mr. Foote
Mr. and Mrs. Guinness Mr. A. Ross
Mr. D. R. Law Mr. Taylor
Mr. Charles O. Malsch

will be examined on the 3rd March, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 26, 1892. 389

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and is perfectly safe in all cases and therefore the best of family remedies.

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22 & 24 QUEEN'S ROAD

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.

February 25, 1892 -
Phra Nang, British steamer, 1,021, W.
H. Watton, Otaru steamer 18, Coal—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Wudan, German steamer, 1,016, A. Ott,
Singapore, February 23, Rice—WREYER & Co.

February 26:—
Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,508, R. Lincoln, Shanghai February 23, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Esmeralda, British steamer, 966, G. E. LE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, BOURNE & ADELAIDE.—Per *Catterthun*, at 5 p.m., on the 27th inst.
 For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWAN.—Per *Thales*, at 5 p.m., on Sat.

Taylor, Manila February 23, General.—
 SREWAN & Co.
 Haiphong, British str., 1,122, W. Y. Hunter,
 Foochow February 23, Amoy 24, and
 Swatow 25, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
 Co.
 27th inst.
 For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI
 & YOKOHAMA.—
 Per Tazter, at 5 p.m., on Saturday
 27th inst.
 For HOHOW & HAIPHONG

Co.	<p><i>Batam</i>, Dutch steamer, 1,520, L. Van der Valk, Amoy February 25, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.</p> <p><i>Wong</i>, British steamer, 1,155, Sawyer, Shanghai February 21, and Swatow 25, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.</p>	<p>Per <i>Hapshong</i>, at 11.30 a.m., on the 1st March.</p> <p>For STRAITS & BOMBAY.—Per <i>Lombardy</i>, at 10.30 a.m., day the 3rd March.</p> <p>For SINGAPORE.—</p>
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Active, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom,
Haiphong and Rhoihw February 25,
General.—A. R. MARTY.

Triumph, German steamer, 654, J. Bruhn,
Fakhoi and Rhoihw February 25, General.
—EDWARD SCHLUSSE & Co.

Per *Aglia*, at 11.30 a.m.,
the 4th March.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YC
Per *Verona*, at 11.30 a.m.,
the 4th March.

DEPARTURES.
February 26.—
Fokien, for Swatow.
Saïde, British steam-yacht, for Manila.
Tamar, British troopship, for Europe.
Pellier, for Saigon.

385	Peking, for Shanghai. Pooksang, for Swatow. Puchun, for Shanghai. Glenfalloch, for Kobe. Kwang Lee, for Whampoa.
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RTES.

Steam Launch Co., Ltd., at Office.

TUESDAY, March 1.—
 Goods per Glenfalloch under this date subject to rent.
 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland

CLEARED.
Tartar, for Shanghai.
Kintuck, for Singapore and London.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per *Kwang Lee*, from Shanghai, Mr Hildebrand, and 66 Chinese.
 Per *Bamerida*, from Manila, Messrs Tomkins, Willox and Thurman, and 21 Chinese.
 Per *Hatphong*, from Coast Ports, Mr and

Entries for the Hongkong Auction close.
 Goods per *Moray* undelivered date subject to rent.
 TUESDAY, March 6:—
 3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Properties at Wyndham

Mrs Forrest, Misses Howard (2), and Mr Howard, and 76 Chinese.
Per *Bantam*, from Amoy, 23 Chinese.
Per *Woeang*, from Shanghai, 8 Chinese.
Per *Actio*, from Haiphong, 26 Chinese.
DEPARTED.

<p>CHILLAN, ached for the 3rd</p>	<p>Per Fookshang, for Swatow, 150 Chinese. Per Fushan, for Shanghai, 220 Chinese.</p>	<p>registered Omces. FRIDAY, March 11 - 3.30 p.m. - Meeting of Sh The Hongkong Rope M Co., Ltd., at Company's SATURDAY, March 12 - None - Meeting of Shareh</p>
<p align="center">SHIPPING REPORTS.</p>		
<p>The Chinese steamer <i>Kwang Lee</i> reports: Had strong monsoon with overcast, rainy</p>		

338 The British steamer *Emeralda* reports :
Green Island Cement Co.
Company's Office.

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most. One thing more which the discussion illustrated was the fact that our local officials, as a rule, if they do not exert themselves to facilitate the 'squessing' process, generally abstain from doing any thing that might hinder it in any way. To this rule, however, it would be unfair to say that there are not honourable exceptions, and against the particular demand which was before the Finance Committee it is pleasing to learn that Sir Francis Fleming fought stoutly for the interests of the colony, though he fought in vain. As regards the latest Military claim, it is not

quite clear yet how the matter actually stands. The Acting Colonial Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee, favoured the members with a good deal of what he called 'information,' but lucidity is not Mr Goodman's strong point; and although his declaration that he did not see what further explanation could be given was, no doubt perfectly sincere, it was well that Mr Whitehead insisted on the postponement of the vote until a statement of account with regard to it should be placed before the committee. The necessity of calling

now for a vote of nearly £4000, as the final
settlement of a debt which it was under-
stood had already been fully paid, certainly
demands very clear explanation, and it
is to be hoped that this will be
forthcoming. So far as the matter can be
made out of present it seems that the terms
gross 'mismanagement' and 'serious
mistake', applied to the transaction by Mr
Whitehead, are none too strong. Misman-
agement and muddling on the Hongkong
side are only too evident; but it is a ques-
tion whether there has not been something

even more reprehensible on the other side.

According to the Acting Colonial Secretary's statement, the instalments towards the payment of the sum of £116,000 were paid in dollars at the Treasury rate of exchange, in accordance with the indent sent in by the Military Authorities; and when the whole amount had been paid in this manner the Military Authorities made a further demand for £3,928 to cover the differences between the Treasury rate of exchange and the rate of the day when each instalment was paid. They con-

7.50 demand to give what they suppose to
5.00 be a reason for this additional claim.
12.00 As the Colonial Treasurer put it; they
say in effect, 'we accepted the Treasury
rate of exchange simply for our own con-
venience,' to suit our own books. But it
would appear that it was not merely a mat-
ter of their accepting the Treasury rate;
they actually fixed that rate, and having
done so, and been paid in accordance with
their own terms, they now turn round and
demand the difference between the Treas-
urer's rate and the rate of the day! If such

2.50 a claim were made in an ordinary commercial transaction, it would be rightly regarded as a piece of preposterous impudence, if not something worse. If it had happened that the difference of exchange was the other way the Military Authorities would, no doubt, still have acted on the favourite principle of 'heads I win, tails you lose.' As a matter of course, when the question of exchange was referred to the War Office by the one side and to the Colonial Office by the other, the ruling was against the soldiers. Nobody with the slightest know-

0.75 Judge of the history of the colony and its
1.00 relations with this War Office could expect
1.10 it to be otherwise. Had the rate of ex-
1.00 change been settled definitely by both be-
0.40 fore the payments, as it certainly ought to
0.40 have been, this question could not have
0.50 arisen, but as it has arisen it would be folly
0.40 to look for its being settled in any but the
0.40 most favourable way for the Military Au-
0.40 thorities, whether the strict justice of the
0.50 case admits of such a settlement or
not. 'You must pay the money, and

pay it, before the committee is the command, and when the matter comes before the Finance Committee in order that a solemn presence of discussion may be made, the Chairman can say in reply to the enquiries of unofficial members, 'The Authorities have ruled against us, and we must pass the vote.' He did not see that any advantage would be derived from delaying the vote or by having the figures before them, but in this opinion he seemed to be alone. Mr. Whitehead was sanguine enough to express the hope that the committee would be

the hope that a representative of the
Secretary of State might lead him to
change his views. The hope is a vain one,
no doubt; but while the colony, however
loudly it protests, cannot alter a fact of the
War Office, while it cannot see itself from
being forced, it may at least know the
exact nature and extent of the wrong.

TELEGRAMS.
[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(Via Southern Line)

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Council,
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STALE NEWS.
LONDON, 23rd February, 1892.
Sir Edm. Robt. Farnham, E.C.B.,
has been appointed to the command of the
China Station.

[Roger does not say how Sir Fred.
Richards has been disposed of.—Ed. C.M.]

INFLUENZA.
The epidemic has notably decreased in
London.

THE FRENCH CABINET.
The French Government, invited

the Synod convened in 1845, in
unction of confidence on the Bill dealing
with clerical and other societies, but were
defeated. Many of the members resigned.

